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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. 10/517,712 Group Art Unit: 3673

Applicant(s): Roberto Dalla Valle Examiner: Safavi, Michael Filing Date: 12/10/2004 Docket No. 058009-019000

Title: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING Customer No. 33717

SLABS MADE OF STONE-LIKE AGGLOMERATED MATERIAL HAVING

AN AGED UPPER SURFACE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 11, 2006. Kindly enter the following election:

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, which corresponds to claims 10-13 and 15, which are drawn to a method of forming a slab.

MISCELLANEOUS

Please note that the Attorney Docket Number for the present application is 058009-019000.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have complied with all requirements made in the above-referenced communication. Accordingly, examination of this application on the merits is respectfully requested. Should matters remain, which the Examiner believes could be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned agent.

Authorization is hereby given to any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2638. Please reference Attorney Docket Number 058009-019000 when charging any payments or credits in connection with this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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